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Minutes of Third Anniversary

OF THE


GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF CALIFORNIA,

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT WOODLAND, MAY 7TH,

8TH AND 9TH, 1884.



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## OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

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*President*—Benj. C. Wright, Esq.

*Vice-Presidents*—Hon. H. E. McCune, O. T. Dyer, Esq.

*Secretary*—Wm. B. Thompson.

*Treasurer*—W. R. Strong.

*Statistical Secretary*—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

*Auditor*—P. D. Code.

*Directors, 1887*—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D., P. D. Code, W. R. Strong, J. R. Mason.

*Directors, 1886*—Rev. Charles Button, Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. M. D. Gage, Rev. Wm. T. Fleenor, Rev. J. N. Burroughs, E. R. Stockwell, J. L. Lyon.

*Directors, 1885*—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., Rev. J. S. Jesse, Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. D. T. Van Doren, T. K. Hook, J. L. Merguire, G. A. Hull, J. P. Cogswell.

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### OFFICERS OF THE PASTORS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE.

President, Rev. J. H. Garnett; Secretary, Rev. J. S. Bromley; Executive Committee, B. C. Wright, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

### WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC COAST.

President, Mrs. E. H. Gray; Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Bradway; Treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Strong; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Davis; Recording Secretary, Miss Mabel Garthwaite.

### WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

President, Mrs. S. E. Capp; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. S. Abbott, Oakland, Cal.; Treasurer, Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough street, San Francisco, Cal.

### CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, Rev. S. B. Morse; Vice-President, Rev. G. S. Abbott; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell; Treasurer, H. Garthwaite; Executive Committee, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, H. Garthwaite, G. A. Hull, J. R. Bradway.

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FIRST DAY.

WOODLAND, May 7th, 1884.

The Convention assembled this day at 7.30, P. M., with the First Baptist Church of this city. In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the President, Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D., the Chair was occupied by Vice-President B. C. Wright, Esq., of San Francisco. The Convention was called to order in the presence of a large congregation.

The Chairman announced as the opening hymn:

Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee;  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be,  
Nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer to Thee.

Prayer by Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.



The chairman appointed committees as follows:

*On Enrollment*—Prof. J. T. Wallace, W. B. Thompson, Rev. J. S. Bromley.

*On Arrangements*—Rev. J. E. Cohenour, C. T. Bidwell, Rev. G. S. Abbott.

*On Nominations*—Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren, Waldo Dudley, Rev. J. S. Jesse.

On motion of Rev. W. M. Kincaid, the rule on order of business was suspended, and the Convention Sermon postponed till Thursday evening, in order to allow the Educational Convention to resume its session.

The Committee on Enrollment, by its Chairman, Prof. J. T. Wallace, reported twenty-two churches present, with three applications for membership. These were subsequently added to the roll, making the total number twenty-five, as follows:

*First, San Francisco*—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, B. C. Wright, Wm. B. Thompson, R. S. King and Capt. G. A. Hull.

*Fifth, San Francisco*—Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren and Herman Foster.

*Zion, San Francisco*—Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., and W. S. Beebe.

*First, Oakland*—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cogswell and Mrs. J. R. Bradway.

*Trinity, Oakland*—Rev. Wm. T. Fleenor.

*Brooklyn*—Rev. S. B. Morse and O. C. Wheeler, D. D.

*First, Sacramento*—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Mrs. M. J. Martin and Mrs. Gallup.

*Calvary, Sacramento*—Dea. W. R. Strong, Dea. and Mrs. R. H. Withington, S. F. Davis and F. W. Palmer.

*First, Stockton*—Rev. F. S. Lawrence and Dea. E. R. Stockwell.

*First, Dixon*—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Mrs. J. H. Garnett, Hon. H. E. McCune and Prof. J. T. Wallace.

*Woodland*—Rev. J. E. Cohenour, C. T. Bidwell and Dea. J. G. Wright.

*Vacaville*—Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D.,

*St. Helena*—Rev. J. S. Bromley, Mark Walker and J. G. Norton.

*Penryn*—B. Browning, H. H. Hart and W. J. Howell.

*Wheatland*—Rev. J. S. Jesse, May Reynolds and P. A. Merdy.

*Red Bluff*—Rev. H. Smith, Rev. C. C. Bateman and Wm. Leonard.

*Salinas*—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

*Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco*—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Liu Lin T'een and Chau Kwong Lung.

*Maxwell*—Rev. A. M. Johnson.

*Alameda*—Waldo Dudley.

*San Diego*—Rev. E. C. Hamilton.

*Tulare Baptist Association*—Rev. T. T. Potter.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

*Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco*—Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D.

*Gonzales Church*—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Thos. F. Faw.

*Fresno*—Rev. J. C. Jordan, Rev. T. T. Potter.

The Committee on Arrangements, by its Chairman, Rev. J. E. Cohenour, submitted the following report, as the order of business for to-morrow's session, which, on motion, was adopted:

8.45 to 9.15 A. M.—Devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. S. Bromley, of St. Helena.

9.15 to 10.15—Report of Executive Committee.

10.15 to 11—Report of Treasurer.

11 to 12.30—Report of Committees on Education and important subjects in the report.

12.30 to 1 P. M.—Intermission.

1 to 2—Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies.

2 to 2.30—Annual Report of Statistical Secretary.

2.30 to 3—Report of Rev. J. C. Baker, Superintendent of Home Missions.

3 to 5—Report of Committees on Publication Society, Sunday Schools and Foreign Missions, with discussions upon the same.

The Committee on Nominations, through its Chairman,

Rev. D. W. T. Van Doren nominated the following for officers of the Convention for the ensuing year:

*For President*—Benj. C. Wright, of San Francisco.

*For Vice-Presidents*—Hon. H. E. McCune, of Dixon, and O. T. Dyer, of Riverside.

*For Recording Secretary*—Wm. B. Thompson, of San Francisco.

*For Statistical Secretary*—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

*For Treasurer*—John R. Mason.

*For Auditor*—P. D. Code.

On motion, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees. The ballot was so cast, and they were declared elected as the officers of the Convention for the coming year.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Frost.

Hymn—"Rock of Ages."

The Convention then adjourned to meet on the following morning at quarter past nine o'clock.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 8th.

The Convention was called to order at quarter past nine o'clock by the President, B. C. Wright.

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Hamilton, of San Diego.

Hymn—"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning."

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, through its Secretary, Rev. S. B. Morse, presented the annual report, which, after being read was on motion adopted.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

*Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:*

Your Executive Committee herewith present their annual report, through their Secretary, for the year ending April 3d, 1884, being the third year of our work under the existing plan of co-operation with the Society in New York.



## MEETINGS HELD.

Sixteen Executive Board meetings have been held during the year, at which all business which has come before us has been carefully and prayerfully considered with an earnest desire and endeavor to decide all questions for the greatest good of Christ's cause. The lack of funds has compelled us to return some applications unendorsed and to cut down others to less amounts than asked for. We have perhaps erred, if at all, in too liberally endorsing applications for aid, our sympathy for needy fields causing us to go beyond the limits of our treasury. We have, however, resolved hereafter to appropriate funds only as fast and as far as we have money to back our endorsements.

## THE WIDENING FIELD.

The field is constantly growing, and new interests are calling for aid. This is especially true of southern California, where, within the past three years, our cause has rapidly advanced, and where new and important fields are being secured and occupied by the Baptists. Several new houses of worship have been erected on this field, and others are about to be built. Never has the outlook been so cheering for our cause in southern California as at present.

Naturally enough, many of these new churches are obliged to seek aid from the Home Mission Society, both in building and for the support of the ministry. Their petitions have been modest, and have not been in vain. There is one feature about many of our mission churches in southern California which we wish could be said of all and which we heartily commend, viz., a desire to become

## SELF-SUPPORTING

as soon as possible. Several of these churches have asked for and received aid for only one or two years before becoming able to go alone. We would earnestly exhort our young and new churches to get out of their cradles and go alone as soon as possible. Too much help weakens rather than strengthens a church.

## CO-OPERATION.

Our plan of co-operation with the New York Board remains the same as last year, viz.: Every dollar sent to New York brings back three to this field. A very generous plan, certainly, and one that should stimulate us to do liberal things. We earnestly hope that nothing may hinder this plan from being continued in future, and only trust that all our churches may so much appreciate what is being done for them that they may do generous things in return.

## THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The following is a brief summary of the business done by your Executive Committee the past year:

*June 4th, 1883*—The application of the Woodland Church for \$350 was indorsed. What has been accomplished by your missionary here, Rev. Bro.



Cohenour, we are not able to report, not having received, during the year, his quarterly reports.

*July 2d*—The application of Fresno Church—Rev. T. T. Potter, missionary—was indorsed for \$400. Bro. Potter's reports up to the time of his appointment as Associational Missionary show faithful work performed at Fresno and vicinity, the membership being 49; Sunday school, 90.

*July 2d*—Mrs. Bradway received re-appointment as missionary to the Chinese of Oakland, her application being indorsed for \$400. What has been done in this mission your Secretary cannot say, as no quarterly reports have been received.

*July 2d*—Indorsed an application for \$240 for Rev. S. C. Keetch, Salinas. No reports have been received from this field.

*July 2d*—An application for \$400 from Alameda Church was indorsed—Rev. B. F. Rattray, missionary. Three quarterly reports have been received from Bro. Rattray, which show faithful work and increased interest. The last report of the Sunday school shows attendance nearly doubled during the year.

*August 6th*—Rev. Mr. Hamilton was indorsed as missionary to San Diego, with a salary from the Home Missionary Society of \$200. His reports have come promptly in, and show good work, with the church debt all provided for and about half paid in, viz., \$1,700; paid, \$800. Membership, 70; Sunday school, 80.

*August 6th*—Indorsed application for support of Rev. W. H. Latourette as missionary of Southern California for \$1,100, all of which is raised on his field. The work of Bro. Latourette has been most successful. As a preacher, church organizer, meeting-house builder, colporteur and pastor, our Bro. L. has shown himself most efficient. Bro. Latourette reports regularly.

*October 10th*—\$350 was indorsed for San Bernardino—Rev. J. Fulton, missionary. This field has prospered under Bro. Fulton's earnest and faithful work, and his quarterly reports show steady growth.

*October 10th*—An application for \$300 for Rev. S. S. Fisk to labor at Duarte and Pasadena was indorsed. We have received no report from these fields.

*October 10th*—An application of \$200 was indorsed for Wheatland—Rev. J. S. Jesse, missionary. Regular reports, faithful work, growing church, new house.

*November 12th*—Rev. J. S. Bromley was sent to St. Helena with an indorsement of \$400. Bro. Bromley's field embraces all Napa valley. We have received but one report from our missionary here, which was his first report, so we cannot report how much advance has been made.

*December 10th*—At the request of brethren from the Church of the Pilgrims, San Francisco, who promised to furnish the pro rata, and at the suggestion of the Superintendent of Missions, Bro. Baker, who informed us that such appropriations were made on the upper coast, your Committee indorsed an application for \$300 to aid Dr. Pendleton in his traveling expenses

to this coast. We are recently informed by Dr. Morehouse that this application was not honored in New York.

*Feb. 4th, 1884*—An application for \$400 to aid Rev. W. T. Fleenor, pastor of Trinity Church, Oakland, was indorsed with the understanding that the pro rata (\$133.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ ) should be put into the treasury by certain brethren in San Francisco. This application, not receiving the indorsement of the Superintendent of Missions, has not been honored in New York.

*March 1st*—Your Committee indorsed an application for \$1,050, to pay salary of Rev. T. T. Potter, as missionary of Tulare Association and vicinity, the entire pro rata amount to be raised upon the field. Bro. Potter has entered upon this work, and we have favorable reports from that great and destitute field.

Besides the foregoing indorsements during the year, there are several missionaries whose commissions have lapped over into the year which received indorsement in the previous year, viz.: Rev. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff, \$200; Rev. M. D. Gage, Modesto, \$300; Rev. J. T. Huff, Compton, \$250; Rev. J. E. Barnes, Missionary Northern California, \$1100; Rev. J. N. Burroughs, Chico, \$400; Rev. J. C. Baker, Superintendent, \$750.

The total amount indorsed and appropriated the past year is \$6,490. This amount in cash has come from New York within the past twelve months; and besides this several appropriations have been made to churches for aid in building houses of worship. The following churches have been thus aided: Wheatland, \$500; Duarte, \$300; Gonzales, \$500.

We commenced the year with a cash credit to our account of \$114.50 in New York. How we stand to-day your Treasurer's report will inform you.

The Superintendent of Missions, Rev. J. C. Baker, has visited our State two or three times during the year, and has made extensive tours among the churches. He has sent circulars and in various ways endeavored to arouse a spirit of benevolence in the mission work. How successful he has been he will be able to tell you in his report.

Your Committee have noticed that in very many of the quarterly reports of missions no Home Mission collection is reported. As your servants, we have endeavored to distribute the funds wisely and judiciously, but we cannot create funds. We feel grateful to God for what He has done with the limited means at hand, and trust that the year to come may be one of more general and liberal giving among our churches, and more fervent prayer to God for His blessing upon our work and upon our missionaries.

SAMUEL B. MORSE,  
Secretary Executive Committee.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

*On Important Subjects in the Report*—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Deacons E. R. Stockwell and W. R. Strong.

*On Nominations of Directors for 1887*—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. J. E. Cohenour, Capt G. A. Hull.

*On Place and Appointments for Next Anniversary*—Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., Rev. S. B. Morse, R. S. King.

*On Obituaries*—Rev. J. B. Saxton, Rev. E. C. Hamilton, W. S. Beebe.

*On New Churches*—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. S. C. Keetch, Hon. H. E. McCune.

*On "Herald of Truth"*—Rev. S. B. Morse, J. P. Cogswell, D. K. Edwards.

The Treasurer, J. R. Mason, not being present, the Treasurer's annual report was presented and read by Rev. S. B. Morse.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*John R. Mason, Treasurer, in account with General Baptist Convention of California.*

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Collection at the Convention.....	\$18 55
Fifth Baptist Church, San Francisco.....	10 00
Lucy A. Jackson.....	5 00
Bishop Creek Church.....	6 75
Brooklyn Baptist Church.....	82 25
Woman's Home Mission Society.....	54 50
Kibasilah Church.....	20 00
Sonora Church.....	21 30
Biggs Church.....	2 15
Grand Island.....	5 10
Lower Lake.....	6 00
Lakeport.....	5 25
Thomas Haycock.....	5 00
M. Storr.....	3 00
George Tucker.....	3 00
G. M. Lee.....	1 25
Nancy A. Stone.....	2 00
Susan Ballinger.....	1 00
J. Ralsdon, Grand Island.....	50 00
Arbuckle Baptist Church.....	10 00



Caspar Baptist Church .....	\$10 00
Dixon Baptist Church.....	87 60
Stockton Baptist Church.....	85 00
Pilgrim Baptist Church, San Francisco.....	100 00
Tulare Association.....	16 15
Fresno Church for support of Missions.....	15 00
Gonzales Church.....	25 00
Trinity Church, Oakland.....	10 00
First Church, Oakland.....	75 35
W. H. Latourette, as per receipt from New York.....	100 00
J. E. Barnes, as per receipt.....	107 45
Friend at San Jose.....	1 75
Miss Hattie McKinney.....	05
St. Helena Church.....	35 35
Santa Clara Church.....	22 65
Sheridan Church.....	9 55
San Bernardino Church.....	50 00
Wheatland Church.....	20 00
H. E. Dye.....	2 00
Santa Anna Church.....	38 15
First Church, San Francisco.....	60 00
Pasadena Church, per Mr. Fisk.....	2 00
First Church, Sacramento.....	50 00
Young Ladies' Mission Band, East Oakland.....	25 00
Rev. O. Crittenden, Mountain View... ..	2 00
Total.....	\$1,237 15

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1883—June 26, Postage stamps.....	\$ 75
Aug. 11, Rev. O. Crittenden transferred to Missions.....	2 00
Dec. 12, Rev. S. B. Morse, for stationery and stamps.....	5 75
Aug. 16, American B. H. M. S., by W. H. Latourette.....	100 00
May 31, " " " J. E. Barnes.....	89 70
June 26, " " " J. C. Baker.....	14 45
1884—Jan. 11, " " " J. C. Baker.....	75 15
Cash remitted to New York.....	840 00
Exchange.....	1 80
Balance on hand.....	107 55
Total.....	\$1,237 15

On motion, the report was adopted and ordered placed on file.

The Committee on Arrangements submitted a supplemental report as follows, which on motion, was adopted:

7.30 to 8.30 P. M.—Reports of Committees on "*Herald of Truth*," on Obituaries and on New Churches.

8.30 to 9.30—Convention sermon by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, of Dixon.

For Friday, May 9th:

9 to 9.30—Devotional exercises.

9.30 to 10.15—Report of Chinese Missionary Society.

10.15 to 11—Unfinished business.

11 to 12—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D.

Closing exercises and adjournment.

Moved by Rev. H. A. Sawtelle that hereafter all our missionaries, in reporting collections to the Convention Treasurer be required to render in every instance a detailed statement, naming the sources from which moneys have been received. The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Education, by its Chairman, presented the following report, which on motion, was adopted:

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

Evangelization and education are both essential to the spread and permanence of Baptist principles. The real and rapid advance made by us at home and abroad has been due, largely, to the stress we have laid upon the spiritual potency of the preaching of the word. We have always advocated the primary importance of evangelization. But if the predominance of our principles to-day is due to our efforts to evangelize, the predominance of our principles to-morrow will be due to our efforts to educate.

Experience and common sense teach us, moreover, that Baptists must do their own work. We have found this true in other things, notably in missionary effort and Bible circulation, and shall we allow the history of failures to repeat itself by transferring to others our work of education? Can we afford it? If, however, we are to do our own educating, we must have educational advantages in California. It will not do for us to dream that our young men and maidens are going to traverse a continent for a college. California is not going to sit longer at the feet of the Empire State, or the Old Dominion, nor even hover around the "Hub." Some, of course, will go to Boston and Louisville, as Boston will go to Berlin, and Louisville to Leipsic. But our masses will be educated in the Golden State; if not in

Baptist, then in other schools. The Pacific Coast in this, as in other things, will patronize the Pacific.

Your Committee would make grateful mention of the generous proposition of Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray to give the sum of \$10,000 toward the endowment of a Baptist educational institution; also of the legacy of \$5,000 bequeathed, on certain conditions, by Dr. Stuart, of Santa Rosa.

We are gratified to notice the forward movement of our brethren in the southern part of the State, in a practical way, toward the establishment of an educational institution in that section of the State.

The matter of our State institution having been practically settled, we feel that every friend of Baptist education in California should rally at once to the aid of denominational education.

J. HERNDON GARNETT,  
W. R. STRONG,  
J. B. TOMBES.

The Committee on Important Subjects in Report, through its Chairman, Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., presented the following report, which was adopted:

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

1st. Your Committee recommend that all missionaries, according to rules heretofore laid down, make a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

2d. Immediate action should be taken to pay the deficit of \$1,213 due to the Home Mission Society in New York.

3d. What shall be the order of the Convention as to the powers of the Board, in indorsing applications for aid in advance of the receipts of the Treasury?

4th. How shall we develop the benevolence of our churches that our financial embarrassment may not occur again, and how shall we increase a more general interest in missionary works in our State?

Discussion upon the subjects followed, participated in by Revs. E. H. Gray, A. J. Frost, G. S. Abbott, T. T. Potter and Bros. E. R. Stockwell, H. E. McCune and others.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Capt. G. A. Hull was elected Treasurer *pro tem*.

Hymn—"There is no Name so Sweet on Earth."

Prayer—Rev. T. T. Potter.

Convention adjourned till 2 P. M.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

## WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

At 1 p. m. this Society held its sixth annual session, the President, Mrs. J. R. Bradway, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. T. Potter, of Fresno. Mrs. Bradway, after alluding to the recent illness of Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray, and her continued interest in Home Mission work, stated that she had a proposition to bring before the ladies. It would cost about one hundred dollars a year to support a student at Canton, China, under the care of Rev. Dr. Graves, and it would take three years to complete a course of study, which would enable this student to render effective missionary service to his countrymen in California. Mrs. Bradway asked that the Woman's Home Missionary Society would support Lim Chow, a member of the Chinese Mission in Oakland, during these preparatory years of study. Rev. J. C. Baker commended the ladies in the desire to undertake a special work, but desired to call attention to another department of work. In San Francisco we have a successful lady missionary, speaking the Chinese language, working among Chinese women. He wished we could also undertake in part, at least, her support.

The First Baptist Church of San Francisco reported, by letter, an increased attendance and interest in the meetings held during the year, having had an average attendance of fifteen. Two ladies have been made life members by their Home Mission Circle.

Society adjourned.

## WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

This Society met at half past one o'clock for its sixth annual session. The President, Mrs. S. E. Capp, presiding.

Hymn—"The Morning Light is Breaking."

Prayer—Mrs. J. P. Cogswell.

Mrs. B. C. Wright, the Treasurer, made the following statement: "There are 102 Baptist Churches in California, and only 18 churches contributing to woman's work in Foreign Missions; leaving 84 churches not represented. The contributions from these 18 churches amount to \$733.50; church circles, \$272.10; mission bands, \$71.76; special contributions and collections for a foreign missionary from California, \$359.64." Mrs. G. S. Abbott presented the "Neglected Privileges of the Baptist women of California." Mrs. J. P. Cogswell, the Superintendent of the Bureau of Foreign Missionary Intelligence, stated that all circles in need of assistance in making their meetings of profit and interest, might apply to her; also, that she not only expected to aid circles, but to receive aid from circles, in passing around such material as may have been used in one church, to be of interest in another." Mr. Drake, formerly of the Telugu field, spoke of the famine and the ingathering which followed among the Telugus; also of that noted day when 3,000 converts received baptism. The President, Mrs. S. E. Capp, urged the ladies present to renewed consecration in our woman's work, and hoped that by united effort we might soon send our first representative from California to the foreign field.

Hymn—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Prayer—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.

Society adjourned.

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At 2 o'clock the Convention was called to order by the President.

Prayer—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. S. B. Morse presented the resignation of Mr. J. R. Mason, Treasurer-elect, which was regretfully accepted.

On motion, the Committee on Nominations was requested to present another name for the office of Treasurer.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, presented his annual report, which, on motion was adopted. (See appendix).

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Hartwell for his faithful services.

The Committee on Appointments and Place for Next Anniversary, reported, through its Chairman, Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, recommending that the Convention meet at Los Angeles, on Wednesday evening, May 6th, 1885, and that Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D., preach the Anniversary Sermon and that Rev. F. S. Lawrence be his alternate. Adopted.

Rev. J. C. Baker, Superintendent of missions for the Pacific Coast, presented the following report which was on motion adopted:

#### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The "American Baptist Home Mission Society" has continued its most generous aid to the State of California during the past year, honoring the recommendations of your Executive Board to the amount of a total expenditure of nearly \$6,000. This most generous aid has been granted upon condition that your Board raise and pay into the treasury of the "Home Mission Society" one-third the amount expended. This offer of the Society to expend in mission work in the State *three* dollars for every *one* dollar raised in the State for mission work, was made with the hope that it would stimulate and provoke the churches to love and good works in benevolence, and revive and develop the missionary spirit to such an extent that the great destitution in the State might be practically provided for in the not distant future. In the past history of work in the State the "Home Mission Society" has commissioned and aided in sustaining

#### ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF LABOR

in the Golden State, and thereby demonstrated its desire and willingness to aid in building up the Baptist cause in the State, covering a period of more than thirty years of constant and prayerful labor of its missionaries in winning souls, organizing and building up churches, erecting houses of worship



among the American population, besides extending its generous aid also to the foreign peoples who find homes in this "sunny land." In performing this service the Society has expended more than

EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS,

of which not more than *one-fourth* has been raised in the State itself, thus showing an actual outlay of money raised by Eastern churches and appropriated to this field by the Society in excess of money contributed to its work in the State, of more than *sixty-three thousand dollars*. If anything were needed to awaken the sympathy and challenge the best efforts of our denomination to aid the Society in its work in the State, this showing is sufficient; and yet the Society does in no sense abridge its efforts, but rather, in its present plan of co operation, shows its willingness for

#### STILL FURTHER ENLARGEMENT

of its great work, by entering into co-operation with the "General Baptist Convention" of California to still expend thrice the amount raised in the State for Home Mission work. This plan has been faithfully executed by the Home Mission Society from its beginning, and, in the exercise of its best wisdom, every appliance within its reach has been sought and used to make it effective. Two years ago, following its "Jubilee Meeting," the Board of the Society decided that more effective and satisfactory results could be reached in its work on the Pacific Coast by the appointment of a "District Secretary," or "Superintendent of Missions," as in other States and Territories, who should represent the Society upon the great field. "After careful deliberation," your Executive Board indorsed this appointment, and so stated it to the denomination through the *Herald of Truth* and "Report of the Board" to the Convention last year. The object of this appointment was also stated in the same report in work actually done, as follows: "Since the appointment of Rev. J. C. Baker as Superintendent of Missions, he has made two extended tours through the State, visiting the various mission fields, examining into their condition, ascertaining their needs and the progress already made and their future prospects. He has held missionary conferences and institutes at important points, presented the work being done and its claims upon the sympathy and benevolence of the denomination in many of our leading pulpits; and the result, we believe, has been a deepening of interest on the part of many who were hitherto in ignorance of the work of the Convention, and we trust it will be seen in increased contributions to its treasury." The object of such supervision was to prevent an unwise, and to secure a wise expenditure of appropriations, and especially to ascertain the most needy and promising fields and bring them to the notice of your Executive Board and also to the Board of the Home Mission Society.

During the past year it has been impossible for the Superintendent to devote as much time to California as would perhaps have been desirable, on

account of the more pressing need of the Society's work on the upper coast, rendered so by the opening of the North Pacific Railroad, in a most unusual and exceptional manner. This exceptional demand has been yielded to in the interest of the Home Mission Society's work on the whole field, which is one, with the design on the part of the Superintendent to devote more time to California during the year to come, unless the Society should be able and willing to divide the field, for more efficient service, as thought desirable by both the Superintendent and the various Boards upon the field.

#### THE GREAT AND PRESSING NEED.

At your last meeting your Executive Board reported that "no less than \$3,000 from the field and \$9,000 expenditure would meet the urgent wants of the field." It was thought in the discussions at that time that at least \$2,000 could be realized from the field, and your Executive Board projected the work upon that basis, and have kept nearly within that limit. The Superintendent has used such means as were in his power to "stir up the pure minds" of pastors and churches to meet this demand. His plans to do it have been indorsed by the Executive Board besides their own appeals in its behalf, and still, greatly to the surprise of all, the year closes with a deficit of nearly \$1,200, and your Treasurer's report shows only 28 churches out of the 104 in the State contributing.

That there are causes for this showing must be evident. To state them brethren would differ, but this we may say: It is not a necessity. After every cause is assigned, still there are twenty or more persons in our denomination who, if their hearts were enlisted and they had confidence in our plans, might put \$100 each into the treasury for this work, and if the churches were enlisted and in hearty sympathy with the work, there are twenty churches which might put in on an average \$50 each, and the remainder could, if interested as they ought to be, average \$10 each. This estimate is not high. It is not too high to be worthy of the Baptists of California, and yet it would yield \$4,000, and on the present basis of expenditures appropriate \$12,000 to the State work. This is a subject of prayerful study for both pastors and churches.

To forecast what the Home Mission Society will do in the future under such a state of apathy is as impossible as it would be unwise, but we believe if the case were reversed, and the Convention were to change places with the Home Mission Society, there would be universal approval among the brethren in the State in saying to the Society, Either wake up and go to work, or we shall leave you to walk alone.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BAKER,

Superintendent of Missions, Pacific Coast.

The Committee on Nomination of Directors for Class expiring 1887, reported, through its Chairman, Rev. F. S.

Lawrence, the following as nominees: Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. H. I. Parker, D. D., Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., P. D. Code, W. R. Strong, J. R. Mason.

Also to fill a vacancy in the Board for 1886, caused by the removal of Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, the name of Rev. H. A. Sawtelle, D. D. On motion, the report was adopted and the nominees elected by ballot.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the name of Dea. W. R. Strong, of Sacramento, as Treasurer.

On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot, and the nominee was declared elected to the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Publication Society submitted, through its Chairman, the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

#### AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

##### *To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

Your Committee believe there are some gratifying facts in connection with the work of the A. B. P. S. in our State which deserve record.

The Business Department of the Society, under the wise management of Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., has increased greatly; it amounted last year to \$1,200. The receipts for the Missionary Department for 1882 and 1883, averaged over \$500 a year; total amount for the two years \$1,005, with sales increasing. This is a showing which warrants the pledge of this Convention to Dr. Abbott of genuine sympathy and hearty support in prosecuting this work. Valuable service has been done the past year through the Missionary Department of the Society. The importance of preaching the gospel personally demands the immediate and serious consideration of the denomination throughout the State. The work of this Society in this department covers the ground covered by the grace of God; money spent in sustaining such a work is not wasted. *We would urge upon the churches the need of increased contributions for missionary work.*

The transcendent importance of the Bible work of the Society needs no comment; the simple fact that the Society aims this year to put 200,000 copies of the Bible into circulation among the destitute should enlist the

sympathy and aid of every church and Sunday school in the land. We trust the pastors and superintendents of our churches and schools will keep the laity *squarely faced to the fact that this work of Bible distribution must be done, and that it cannot be done without the necessary means.* We recognize the A. B. P. S. as an important factor in the Sunday school work of our State, from the fact it has given grants to our Mission schools in San Francisco, Oakland, Pasadena, Pomona, Dixon and Fresno. Besides this it has donated six libraries in organizing Sunday schools; providing libraries, papers, Bibles, Sunday school supplies, it is doing a work which entitles it to the patronage of every Baptist Church in the State. *We recommend that the pastors of the various churches arrange with the superintendent of their Sabbath school as to the time they will take collections before the first of December, and so arrange as to insure a liberal offering.* We have in our churches enough money for all our expenses of Sunday school work, without burdening a single congregation, had they only the will to obey their Saviour's commands for the instruction of the world. If we were under the necessity of making a comparison of the different missions of the church, we should have little hesitation in placing the Sunday school and its kindred society, the Home Mission, in the first rank. This is a work in which all may be actively employed. There is no stormy sea to cross, no foreign tongue to learn, the children are of our own country, and God forbid that, through failure on our part to co-operate with the great instrument of blessing to them, any should perish for lack of knowledge. In view, therefore, of the liberal outlay of the A. B. P. S.' in this State, we press its claims to generous consideration. All the work of this Society is of the highest importance to our denominational advancement and to the world's evangelization. Fields for this work are opening from one end of California to the other, and calling earnestly for our occupation. The imperative demand of the world's need, is the signal for an enlargement in every direction, of contributions for the missionary work, *since only as the contributions are increased can the work be enlarged.*

DE W. T. VAN DOREN,  
P. W. DORSEY,  
D. K. EDWARDS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented, through its Chairman, the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

There is no department of Christian effort so full of promise or so fluent with inspiration as the Sunday school work. Its benign and beneficent mission, its grand and growing results, appeal to every moral sense and sentiment of Christian and denominational life, for positive, practical and permanent support. Christ, the Great Head of the church while on earth,



manifested an interest in children, that demonstrates most fully the prominence and importance of this work. The word "Come," that was so often upon the Saviour's lips, has a profound and prophetic significance in his words of welcome to the children. "Suffer little children and forbid them not to *come* unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." The emphatic word in this sentence is "come," and implies the readiness with which children receive the truth and enter the church through Christ. The Master's disciples asked him who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. He called a little child, and setting him in the midst of them, said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven." Continuing the same thought, Jesus said, "Whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me." How the blessed Christ appeals to our sympathy in behalf of children. He even urges us for his own dear name's sake to be deeply interested in them. And still pressing their claims upon the church he says, "Take heed that ye despise not [neglect is better] one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven." Oriental customs allowed none to see the monarch except those in special favor with him. Here Christ assures us that the highest order of angels, even those that constantly wait nearest the throne of God, are the ministering spirits that watch over children. One of the most beautiful, touching and instructive scenes in the life of Christ, is where he took the little children in his arms and blessed them. What caused that mighty outburst of praise from the children, that filled the temple with "Hosanna to the Son of David?" It was only a response to the loving-kindness of the Son of God. The New Testament is pre-eminently a child's book. It is the only volume coming down to us from ancient literature that is especially interested in children, and the only one that children are particularly interested in. They love it because it is so full of Christ, and of love for them. Nothing attracts and holds children like love. They study and read us, to know if we love them; they discern, as by intuition, between love that comes from the heart and love playing imposing smiles. The Sunday school is commissioned with love, committed in love and commended through love. We do not think that so much harm is done children by giving them error as by giving them truth in a cold, lifeless and loveless form. The greatest curse in many communities is not that the people reject the truth, nor hold such great errors, but that they hold the truth in unrighteousness; it lies dead at the door of their hearts. It is not enough for us to tell the children that God is good and God is love, but we must help them to feel and know this love.

Teachers and workers in the Sunday school must not only be in earnest but they must be at home in the Bible, at home in personal communion with God, and at home with the children. Carry a cheerful young heart into the work, and turn the young to Christ. Ours is an age of culture and earnest, active thought. Knowledge is running to and fro. A new spirit is abroad. The true saying that "knowledge is power," is being recognized. It is a

power for good or for evil, as it is controlled by truth or error. Strong and determined powers are now struggling for the hearts of the children; the great battle-field is around the cradle of life. On one side stand the Jesuits and skeptics, and on the other the true friends of humanity and God. Jesuitism has already driven the Bible from our public schools, while skepticism has succeeded in making their instruction wholly secular. This dual power, in a semi-modified form, has but recently shown its intolerant spirit in Sweden by refusing to let the Christian world hold their evangelical alliance in Stockholm. God is equal to every emergency, and, in times of evil and great peril, he lifts up a standard and gives us facilities for counteracting evil. The grand expedient of our day and danger is the Sunday school, which is richly endowed with supplemental elements to our public schools. The world has never before witnessed such a revival of interest in the Sunday school work as is now blessing the church of Christ. Truly the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Whately says, "Children are the to-morrow of society." We place beside this truth another even grander, viz., The Sunday school is the to-day and to-morrow of the church. It is the to-day of the church in developing a healthier and holier personal and denominational life, by devoting ourselves to this work; and the to-morrow of the church in crowning the rightful reign of Christ in the earth. The hour is auspicious; the interests infinite in wealth. Earth has no scene so grand, so thrilling as the millions of children and workers in our Sunday schools, singing and lifting their hands, hopes and hearts to God for the triumph of truth.

In view of the magnitude and responsibility of this work, we most urgently recommend the organization of a Baptist Sunday School Convention in the State, to meet in connection with our General Convention, or at such time as may be deemed best.

WM. T. FLEENOR,  
H. A. SAWTELLE,  
G. A. HULL.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, by its Chairman, Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D.:

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

WHEREAS, God has commanded his ministering servants to "Go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," "Go disciple all nations;" saying also to His Son, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

WHEREAS, God has declared that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come," thus putting it in the power of the church to "hasten the coming of the day of God."

WHEREAS, Corea, the "Hermit Nation," the last of the Gentile powers, has thrown open its gates to receive the messengers of the gospel, thus literally bringing all nations under the sound of the gospel.

WHEREAS, God has signally blessed *Baptist Missions* above all others, not only making them first in the field, but giving them sheaves in greater abundance than any or all other denominations in proportion to the number of agents employed and the means expended.

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of California Baptists to *abandon* the policy of indifference and meagre contributions to this world-wide enterprise, and give with great devotion and self-sacrifice to the cause of Foreign Missions.

*Resolved*, That every Baptist Church should observe the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions, that every pastor should preach an annual sermon on the subject, and take an annual collection for this object and do all in his power to circulate missionary literature among his people.

*Resolved*, That it is our *conviction* that any Baptist Church which ignores this subject in theory or in practice, is not worthy a name or place among Baptist churches, and that such a church is sure to have its candlestick removed and its own light quenched. "Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and I will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

WM. H. PENDLETON, D. D.,  
J. P. COGSWELL,  
B. F. RATTRAY.

Hymn—"There is no Name so Sweet on Earth."

Prayer—Rev. J. B. Saxton.

The Convention adjourned until half past 7 in the evening.

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## EVENING SESSION.

MAY 8th, 7.30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President. A large audience was present.

Hymn—"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

Prayer—Rev. J. S. Bromley.

The Committee on "*Herald of Truth*" presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

## REPORT ON "HERALD OF TRUTH."

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

The *Herald of Truth*, Dr. Abbott editor and proprietor, is our only denominational organ in California. We have found it ever true to our interests, indispensable to our work and faithful to the principles we hold dear.

Its editor has laid before us from time to time, the life and thought of our denomination, acquainted us with the progress and work of our churches as we could in no other way have had knowledge.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we recommend to this Convention and to the Baptists of California, that they heartily support our denominational paper, and to our ministry that they endeavor to place it in every Baptist family in their congregations.

S. B. MORSE,  
J. P. COGSWELL,  
D. K. EDWARDS.

A subscription was taken for the *Herald of Truth*, resulting in \$55 cash, and fifteen new subscribers.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted, by its Chairman, the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

## IN MEMORIAM.

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully report that since the last anniversary meeting of this Convention, three estimable members of Zion Church, San Francisco, have been called from earth to a Heavenly home. Bro. J. B. Whidden died at Coopertown, Dakota, on October 3d, 1883, Mrs. May J. Whidden in Chicago, Ill., on April 4th, 1884, and Mrs. Abbie J. Beckwith, in San Francisco on April 14, 1884.

The First Baptist Church, of San Francisco, mourns the loss of Capt. E. S. Farnsworth and Mrs. S. D. Hendrickson, both of whom had for many years been honored members and devoted Christians, zealous in the cause of the Master. It is pleasant to record that their memory is precious. We appreciate the loss, but while under the veil of sorrow and amidst the tears of sadness the promise of God shines bright as the morning star. Blessed are they who die in the Lord.

J. B. SAXTON,  
WM. S. BEEBE,  
E. C. HAMILTON,

The Committee on Reception of New Churches, through its Chairman, Rev. E. H. Gray, reported upon applications, by



letter and delegates, for membership in the Convention, as follows:

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

Your Committee respectfully report and recommend that the Church of the Pilgrims, of San Francisco, the Gonzales Baptist Church and the Fresno Baptist Church be admitted to membership in this Convention.

E. H. GRAY, D. D.,

S. C. KEETCH,

H. E. McCUNE.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the churches were admitted to membership.

The President then extended the right hand of fellowship to the representatives of the above churches.

Hymn—"Faith is a Living Power From Heaven."

Reading of Scriptures—11th Chapter of Romans—Rev. Wm. M. Kincaid.

Prayer—Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

Hymn—"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, pastor of the Dixon Baptist Church, preached the Convention sermon. It was an eloquent discourse from Timothy, 1 :5.

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also."

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection for State work was taken.

Hymn—"My Faith Looks up to Thee."

Prayer—Rev. S. A. Taft.

The Convention adjourned until half past 9 o'clock, Friday morning.

## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, May 9th.

The Convention was called to order at half past 9 A. M.  
President in the Chair.

Hymn—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prayer—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to take up the subject of Minutes.

Moved, that to defray the expense of publishing the Minutes hereafter, the amount be raised upon a *pro rata* basis of three cents *per capita*; but no church to give less than \$1.00.

Adopted.

The Secretary read a list of churches, from which the amounts pledged for last year's Minutes had not been received.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Hartwell was appointed to assist the Secretary in preparing the Minutes for publication.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to correspond with churches requesting money to publish Minutes.

The Convention adjourned for thirty minutes to permit the Baptist Chinese Missionary Society to hold a meeting, which was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D. The Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, read the annual report, which, on motion, was adopted and ordered read before the Convention.

The same officers who have served during the past year were re-elected as follows:

*President*—Rev. S. B. Morse.

*Vice-President* Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D.

*Secretary*—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

*Treasurer*—H. Garthwaite.

*Executive Committee*—Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, H. Garthwaite, Capt. G. A. Hull and J. R. Bradway, M. D.

The Chinese Missionary Society then adjourned.

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Upon reassembling, the Convention listened to the annual report of the

#### BAPTIST CHINESE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

The Board of Directors of the Baptist Chinese Missionary Society report that they have incorporated under the laws of California, as provided in the Constitution. The Secretary has sent a notice of this fact with a copy of the Constitution of the Society and branch Societies, to every church in the State, and requested the organization of branches, but with no result hitherto. The Committee have appropriated to the San Francisco Mission the sum of \$16 collected at the last session of the Central Baptist Association. It is hoped that in the new arrangement, which will probably place that Mission, as well as all other Baptist Chinese Missions in this State, under the control of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the churches will see an occasion to rally to christian work for the Chinese, and that your Chinese Missionary Society will be made the medium for accomplishing the work.

S. B. MORSE, *Pres.*

J. B. HARTWELL, *Sec.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., presented the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we request Rev. J. C. Baker, the General Superintendent of Missions, to convey to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in New York, the profound conviction of the Board of Managers of the General Baptist Convention of California, that the missionary services of Rev. J. B. Hartwell and Mrs. J. L. Sanford, both Cantonese-speaking missionaries, should not be lost to our Chinese Baptist work in San Francisco, and that we most earnestly request the Home Mission Society to take up their work in that city and carry it forward on a basis that shall be found to be acceptable to it and the General Convention of this State.

Rev. J. H. Garnett presented the following resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the Woodland church and Pastor. and community, for their liberal hospitality during the session of this Convention.

*Resolved*, That we express our thankful appreciation of the kindness of the San Francisco *Evening Bulletin* in furnishing gratuitous copies of its issues for this Convention.

Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., as Chairman of a special committee appointed by the Board of Managers, presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

*To the General Baptist Convention of California:*

WHEREAS, the General Baptist Convention of California is \$1,200 *in debt* to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, largely owing to the fact that several of our most prominent churches have been paying the heavy mortgages on their houses of worship the past year; and,

WHEREAS, the field of our Superintendent of Missions, Rev. J. C. Baker, is as large as all the Atlantic States, from Maine to Florida, and therefore it is beyond his power to render efficient service to California Baptists; and

WHEREAS, more money could be raised for mission purposes without the aid of a superintendent, than with his assistance, *unless his whole time be devoted to the work in this State*, therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the judgment of the General Baptist Convention of California, in view of our present financial obligations to the Home Mission Society of New York, the pressing needs of our missionaries and the increasing demands of destitute churches upon our treasury, it is believed to be *unwise* to expend several hundred dollars a year for a superintendent of missions, unless this superintendent be furnished specially to California.

*Resolved*, That in this recommendation of the General Baptist Convention of California to the Home Mission Society of New York, we intend no disrespect to Rev. J. C. Baker; on the other hand, we have the utmost confidence in his Christian character and integrity. But the actual poverty of the large majority of our California churches and the present financial embarrassment of the treasury of our General Baptist Convention, render it *imperative* that we adopt the policy of retrenchment in our expenses, and a large increase in our benevolent contributions.

A. J. FROST,

G. S. ABBOTT,

H. E. McCUNE.

*Committee.*



The following resolutions, offered by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That, as a Convention, we instruct the Executive Committee of the Board, under appointment from year to year, to honor applications for aid from the American Home Mission Society *so far only* as consists with the *reasonable* expectations of the receipts of the treasury of the General Convention; and that to the degree of the aid thus judiciously allowed, the General Convention will hold itself pledged to meet all such obligations.

*Resolved*, That the General Baptist Convention most gratefully appreciates the aid of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in its generous appropriations to its missionaries the past three years, and also to several churches in building commodious and beautiful houses of worship.

*Resolved*, That we take great pleasure in noting *specially* the gratifying progress of our denominational life in Southern California, and hold it, under God, to be a significant illustration of well-qualified pastoral and missionary life in the service of our denomination there.

*Resolved*, That we ask Rev. J. C. Baker, our Superintendent of Missions, to bear to the Board at the Anniversary of the Home Mission Society the above resolutions.

The Chairman appointed as a Committee on Temperance, Revs. T. T. Potter and A. J. Frost, D. D.

On motion, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., was requested to act as Sunday School Secretary, to collect statistics and to arrange for a special session in the interest of Sunday Schools, in connection with the next anniversary of the Convention.

The Committee on Temperance, through its Chairman, Rev. T. T. Potter, presented a strong resolution in advocacy of the cause of Temperance, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

Hymn—"Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D., then preached the closing sermon from the text, Acts, 19th Chap., 20th verse, "So mightily grew the Word of God, and prevailed."

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the President

addressed the Convention in words appropriate to the closing hour, and announced the closing hymn:

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., and the President declared the Convention adjourned to meet at Los Angeles, on Wednesday, May 6th, 1885, at 7.30 P. M.

WM. B. THOMPSON, Secretary.

B. C. WRIGHT, President.

NOTE—In consequence of the failure of churches to respond to repeated applications for money to publish minutes, it has been found necessary to abridge the present publication in many important particulars. The statistical report for the past year was unusually complete in details, and it is a matter of regret that the greater portion of it has to be omitted.

WM. B. THOMPSON,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

## ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT AND MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	NO. CHS.	FUNDS RAISED
General Baptist Convention of California.	E. C. Wright, Esq., 1703 Gough St., S. F.	Wm. B. Thompson, Esq., 119 1/2 13th St., S. F.	W. R. Strong, Esq., Sacramento.	35	.....
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Soc..	Mrs. S. E. Capp. 920 Buchanan St., S. F.	Miss Clara P. Hull. 614 Eddy St., S. F.	Mrs. B. C. Wright. 1703 Gough St., S. F.	18	\$733.50
Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Soc....	Mrs. E. H. Gray. Oakland.	Mrs. R. L. Davis. Oakland.	Mrs. S. E. Morse. East Oakland.	.....	.....
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society.....	Rev. S. B. Morse. East Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. 816 Jackson St., S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Esq. Oakland.	.....	85.00
Central Baptist Association.....	Jno. F. Poje, Esq. 1412 Mason St., S. F.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. 816 Jackson St., S. F.	P. D. Code, Esq. 314 Washington St., S. F.	20	33,733.31
Clear Lake Baptist Association.....	R. v. S. L. Sanford. Ukiah.	G. M. Lee, Esq. Lakeport.	R. P. White, Esq. Clear Lake.	6	.....
Eastern Baptist Association.....	Rev. J. D. Penner. Willow Ranch.	H. A. D. Ward, Esq. Cedarville.	T. H. Garrett. Cedarville.	5	.....
Los Angeles Baptist Association.....	Rev. Jno. A. Freeman. Savanna.	Jas. H. Roe, Esq. Riverside.	Willis Newton, Esq. Downey.	15	7,406.51
Pacific Baptist Association.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....
Sacramento River Baptist Association.....	Rev. J. N. Borroughs Chico.	Rev. C. C. Bateman. Red Bluff.	Rev. A. Swena. Nord.	17	.....
Santa Barbara Baptist Association.....	Rev. H. E. Adams. Estrella.	Rev. J. Lambuth. Santa Barbara.	.....	8	.....
Tulare Baptist Association.....	Rev. B. Ogle. Hanford.	M. S. Featherstone, Esq. Hanford.	M. P. Trodar, Esq. Hanford.	6	.....
Unassociated Churches.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....
Trustees of California College.....	Hon. H. E. McCune Dixon.	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett. Dixon.	J. C. Merrifield. Vacaville.	.....	.....

## MISSIONARIES OF CALIFORNIA.

*Under the auspices of A. B. H. M. Soc. and Gen'l Bapt. Con. of Cal.*

Rev. J. C. BAKER, Salem, Oregon, Superintendent.

*Associational Missionaries.*

Rev. W. H. Latourette, Los Angeles.      Rev. T. T. Potter, Fresno, Cal.

*Missionary Pastors.*

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Burrel, Wesley .....	Santa Clara Church.....	Santa Clara.
Baker, F N .....	Willows Church.....	Willows.

## SUMMARY.

## MISSIONARIES.

Superintendent of Missions....	1	Missionary Pastors. ....	7
Associational Missionaries.....	2	Missionaries to Chinese.....	4

## MINISTERS.

Ordained Ministers .....	137	Licenciates.....	5
In denominational work .....	76	In Theol. Seminaries.....	2

## ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES.

Associations.....	8	Churches reported to Statisti-	
Unassociated Churches .....	21	cal Secretary .....	38
Churches organized.....	5	Total number of Churches....	107

## MEMBERSHIP.

Baptized during the year .....	344	Net gain .....	385
Total gain.....	707	Total membership.....	5,842
Total loss .....	322		

## PROPERTY.

Value of property.....	\$230,650	Impr'v'ts during the year	\$13,728
Indebtedness.....	27,368	Seating capacity .....	10,035

## WORSHIP.

Average attendance upon		Annual cost of worship...	\$34,076
preaching .....	3,397		

## BENEVOLENCES.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 645 35	A. B. Publication Society \$	304 90
Home Missions.....	1,391 05	Other benevolences .....	3,213 75
Cal'a Chinese Missions ..	321 95	Total benevolences.....	3,538 96

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Baptist Sunday Schools.....	53	Average attendance of pupils	1,613
Union Schools in connection		Volumes in libraries.....	4,834
with Baptist Churches....	5	Value of libraries.....	\$1,698
Officers and teachers (enroll'd)	411	Annual expense of schools...	\$2,117
Average attendance of officers		Benevolences ...	320
and teachers.....	250	Schools using our denomina-	
Pupils (enrolled).....	2,840	tional literature.....	26

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